

Belmont Cable Access Committee (BCAC)
Minutes 1/27/2004
7:30PM, BCTV Studio, BHS

Present

Committee: John Verrilli, Todd Bloniarz, Pam Curtis, Maryann Scali
Comcast: Mark Ventola

Call to Order

John Verrilli officially called the meeting to order at 7:35.

The contact list of committee members was reviewed for the Town files.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as read.

Annual Report: The Chr. reviewed his report for the Town's Annual Report, M. Ventola added that 4 BHS student were trained to cover high school events.

Issues from the Community/Complaints/Concerns/Coverage

Channel 8's bulletin board is not functioning, especially during the weekend periods. Mark said it could be old tapes that they are using. Sometimes it crashes and the dates are incorrect. When a new show is shown this goes away.

Chair asked Mark and Abiodun to monitor it.

Question? time available to reach studio? This week Mark is covering for Abby who is on vacation. The afternoon is the best time to reach the station.

Message recorder is not always functioning properly. Question about leaving message-the Chairman will request a more effective phone system.

Mark V. will check the phone greeting and try to make it more user friendly.

Coverage: February the Planning Board is meeting on the Uplands.

New Equipment: the equipment should be running by the next BCAC meeting or before the 17th of February. Suggestion: call in Comcast to help with their technicians.

The Media Task Force Status: The Committee will be meeting with Rika Welsh, on Monday, February 9th to review the workshops and plans for the next step.

[This meeting was postponed to February 23.]

The Advisory Board is meeting in a public hearing, with Comcast, on Tuesday, February 2, Selectmen's Room at 7:30pm-this is a public hearing and part of the process of the renewal of the contract with Comcast.

J. Verrilli will be present at the hearing. The committee brought up budget handling and the equipment and replacement schedule for contract renewal.

Discussion: \$5,000 is given to the schools each year and \$10,000 to the studio

(Question? the inflation factor is it figured in?)

Election and Political Guidelines:

The studio will send out to all town-wide candidates the procedure in using Channel 8 for video spots to be aired up to the Annual Election. The names will be confirmed at the Town Hall and the studio will be notified. (after February 17 this year is the last day to run.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Maryann Scali, Clerk pro-tem